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The Chapin Family.



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A GENEALOGICAL RECORD

WITH

SHORT BIOGRAPHICAL SKETCHES

OF SOME OF THE DESCENDANTS OF

CAPT. JOSIAH CHAPIN.

SON OF

DEACON SAMUEL CHAPIN.

OF SPRINGFIELD, MASS.,

AND INCLUDING

HISTORY OF SOME OF THE ALLIED FAMILIES.

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The following abbreviations have been used to some extent:

dau. for daughter. chn. " children. d. " died. " married. m. ch. " church. Men. T. Rec. for Mendon Town Record. Mil. T. Rec. " Miltord 6.6 ... Ux. T. Rec. " Uxbridge + + 6.6 Wards. T. Rec." Wardsboro " 66 Ballou for Ballou's History of Milford. M. Annals for Annals of Mendon.

HE FOLLOWING compilation is not claimed to be either a complete biography or genealogy of any branch of the Chapin family. It is simply an attempt to preserve in a convenient form a family record of my ancestry and their descendants for the benefit of my family, myself and those who may come after me.

I have hoped for several years that some descendant of Capt. Josiah Chapin who had the time and the means would collect and publish as complete a genealogy of his line as was done some years ago by Deacon Orange Chapin of those of Henry and Japhet, but it has not been, and probably now will not be done.

The migratory habits of his descendants have scattered them from the Atlantic to the Pacific and the Gulf of St. Lawrence to the Gulf of Mexico, and so little pains have been taken in preserving records of their descent that persons are found who do not know the christian names nor place of nativity of their grandfathers. I am informed that there is not a person bearing the family name now to be found in Mendon, or Uxbridge, Mass., or Wardsboro, Vt., or Orland, Ind., all places of residence at some time of members of the family. In gathering the information here printed, I have obtained many facts about other members of our line and their history which are interesting, but could not publish them without exceeding the limits to which I determined to confine myself. Discrepancies in dates and names have been found between private and public records. In such cases I have adopted, where not otherwise noted, those that seemed to have the most evidence of being correct. It has been my aim to arrive at the truth, and these discrepancies have caused very much perplexity and much labor in investigation. Still there may be some errors in dates.

Although this is strictly a private compilation, I desire to acknowledge the valuable information I have received from Mr. N. G. Chapin, of Boston, Mass. He has probably more material for a complete genealogy of the Josiah branch of the family than any other person.

AUGUSTUS A. CHAPIN.

Fort Wayne, Ind., Jan. 1, 1889.

The Origin of the Chapin Line.

HERE is no authentic information respecting the origin of the family line prior to the facts that are known about Deacon Samuel Chapin, beginning with his settlement at Roxbury, Mass., about 1636.

The following statement, prepared by Dr. A. L. Chapin, of Beloit, Wisconsin, and published in connection with his address delivered at the ceremony of unveiling the Chapin Statue at Springfield, Mass., on Thanksgiving Day, Nov. 24, 1887, embraces all that is known at this writing upon this subject, and is given as interesting to those of the family that have any curiosity in such matters.

The beginning of the Chapin family is altogether creditable. We may well be satisfied that it should start with this genuine old Puritan, (Deacon Samuel Chapin) and what he did, with his fellow pioneers, to open the American Continent and on it to found a city, and to establish a model Christian Republic. The rolls of heraldry, even if they could show the name linked with royal or princely blood, would add nothing to the true nobility of its origin. It belongs peculiarly to this country, and the sphere of its highest dignity and honor was no doubt ordained to be here. Our chief anxiety should be to maintain and advance its true nobility by lives and deeds worthy of such a father. Yet a natural instinct of curiosity prompts us to try to get behind the veil which hides the relations and career of Deacon Samuel Chapin before he crossed the deep, that we may, if possible, learn whence he came, and how he became the man that he was.

Judge Henry Chapin, in his address at the gathering of the family in 1862, refers to a statement given in Allen's Biographical Dictionary, which represents a Joshua Chapin as having come from Lancashire, England, with a brother Gershom, who settled at Springfield. He quotes a similar report from the Boston Recorder, and says of both, "I deem it my duty to say distinctly and unequivocally that these statements are erroneous." This is clearly shown by the early records of Springfield.

Among the papers of Rev. Calvin Chapin, D. D., who died in 1851, in his eighty-eighth year, is found a book of reminiscences written when he was past eighty. He says he "used more or less when a boy to hear what seemed to be a traditionary opinion expressed that the origin of the Chapins was Welsh. Even then, seventy or eighty years ago, or still further back, they were numerous in New England. The population of Chicopee with very few exceptions, bore the name. There were plenty in Somers, Salisbury, Belchertown, Hatfield, and further east in Massachusetts. It is understood, however, that the large majority bearing the name, and now spread over the country, proceeded from Henry and Japhet, of Chicopee, especially from Japhet."

Dr. Chapin was a native of Chicopee, and he says his "grandfather's grandfather must have been the first of the name in America." He recalls some things confirmatory of this view of a Welsh origin.

"Welsh phrases expressing odd and queer notions and shapes of thoughts were quite common. 'As the Welshman said,' was probably for a joke or humorous turn as often heard there a hundred years ago as 'Irish bulls' now are in our country, and to as great an extent as you please. 'A transient resident in his father's neighborhood being provoked by his mother, twitted her with being connected with Welsh descent, seeming to feel that by such a reflection he had smartly retaliated and ably avenged himself." "Again, in Guthrie's Geography, ninth edition, London, 1785, and map of England, the phrase 'Chapin Frith' may be seen in Derbyshire near the latitude of Liverpool, and center of the English part of the little island.

In Morse's large map of England the letters 'el' or 'ol' are inserted so that it would be either Chapelin or Chapolin Frith:— the word frith in Welsh signifying a woody place, a small field, also, taken out of a forest or common."

Then the doctor draws his inference thus: "What can be more natural than the inference that while there was yet much forest in Derbyshire, a Welshman, or family, if you please, or more still, by name Chapin, migrated from Wales and made an establishment in the woods of Derbyshire? Go, if you will, centuries back for the time of this adventure, then, in 1640, or thereabouts, one Samuel, found his home among the Puritans of America."

But the data for this theory seems quite insufficient. The coming of a single Welsh family into Chicopee, a generation or so before Dr. Calvin's time, may account for the Welsh phrases and the tradition.

The doctor acknowledged to me that the fact that he never saw "Chapin Frith" in any other map raised his suspicion that a waggish classmate who knew his weakness, had with great skill interpolated the words in his map. Most adverse to this view is the fact that no trace of the name can now be found in either Wales or any part of England. We are therefore constrained to set aside this theory with all due respect to its advocate.

Under the impulse of that natural curiosity above referred to, I have made some efforts in this direction. The results are quite meagre, nevertheless, I venture herewith to report some clews which I have met with, in the hope that others of the clan, better qualified and with better opportunities, may be inclined to follow the thread to some certain and satisfactory end.

Five years ago in London, I carefully examined the city directory, and found but one insertion of the name, and in that case it belonged to an American sojourner, occupied with business connected with his native country. From other investigations, it seemed quite evident that the name is not of English origin, and that no part of England was the home of our progenitor for any length of time,

In a volume of "London Marriage Licenses," p. 263, found in the library of the Boston Genealogical Society, is a statement that on May 14, 1584, "John Chappyn, yeoman and agricole," of Essex County, Eng., was licensed to marry a spinster of the same county. If he were of our stock he would certainly have left a progeny to perpetuate his name, unless nature's law has been changed. Turning to France, the chance for a successful search seems more hopeful. On page 6 of volume 1, of the "Collections of the Huguenot Society," it is stated that "Marie Chapon, a native of Portis, in France, wife of Anstie Babaudet, deceased, died September 19, 1620."

In the New York State Library at Albany is a book of several volumes in the French language, "Hosier's Armorial Genealogie de France." On page 335 of volume 1 is the notice of the marriage of a French gentleman with one Annie Chapin, daughter of Giles Chapin, Esquire, in 1564. Evidently, then, our name had a respectable place in French society. A more thorough examination of Hosier's volumes than my time permitted me, will no doubt bring to light much more information bearing on the question.

I have been informed, also, that the name spelled exactly as we spell it, but with a modified pronunciation, is now quite common in Central France, especially in and near the city of Bourges.

This view is confirmed with the addition of some significant statements by a letter which I received some time ago from Rev. D. D. Chapin, of Stillwater. Minn., now of Allegan, Mich., in which he reports an interview with a well educated Swiss physician whom he met in Stillwater.

"This man said he formerly lived in France, and at one time was much interested in philological studies, especially the history of names, and this name was one which he had occasion to study up. He affirmed that it was one of the oldest and best names in France, dating from the Carlovingian era, going back at least to the tenth century, perhaps earlier. He gives this story of its probable origin.

In some feudal scrimmage of the middle age, one who had distinguished himself in the *melee* had got a sword-cut across his head laying open his helmet, or head-piece. For this exploit he was knighted on the spot and dubbed *Capinatus*, which means "Decorated with a hat," and his coat-of-arms was made a hat with a slash in it. and a sword lying across it, thence the name Capinatus, the participle of law-latin capino—and then by the softening process of the French made Capin—Chapin. Of course the root is *caput* whence cap and chapeau.

Now it is a singular fact that a legendary coat-of-arms of the Chapin stock exists which corresponds very nearly with that here described. Soon after the Chapin gathering in 1862, Judge Henry Chapin, of Worcester, sent me a copy of the coat-of arms, and a rude sketch made by the Swiss gentleman referred to, with his ready pencil is much like that. As authority for his statement the Swiss physician named a French w rk, 'Histoire de la literature Francaise,' by Dr. Pinaud. It is doubtful whether the work has a place in any of our American libraries. It may, perhaps, be found in the great library at Paris where other books of similar character will be worth examining.

The most important "missing link" is that which will connect Deacon Samuel with some well-defined time and place of embarkation from England. Tradition says that he lived in Dartmouth, Eng., or at least sailed from that port. Somebody, I hope, will visit the spot and learn, if possible, what grounds there are for the tradition. Perhaps the Roxbury records which were burned, named the ship in which he came, and the date of its arrival with a list of its passengers. I trust that some members of our Chapin stock, as they go abroad, may take pleasure in looking for some information on this question of the Deacon's origin, and make report which will gratify us all.

In questions of this sort, as in scientific researches, it is helpful to start with a pre-supposition. I venture to project something like the following: The Chapins in France were an upright. godly sort of folk, and they readily accepted the doctrines and precepts of the Protestant faith when it was made known to them, So they were classed with the Huguenots and suffered with them. Near the close of the sixteenth century the father, Samuel, took his family and with other Huguenots fled to Holland. There they associated with the English Puritans who fled for safety to the same country. The children readily learned the English language. Samuel married his French wife, Cicely, and took her in company with some English Puritans to Dartmouth for a temporary residence. There four or five of his children were born, and in due time the family, being Puritan in spirit, embarked with a company of Puritans for New England, and here the Deacon entered on a career which gained honor for his name, and his children grew and multiplied.

This is a mere hypothesis and has but a slight foundation to rest upon, yet the facts we have point in this direction, and investigation along these lines may bring out positive information that will be interesting and gratifying.

While the Welsh origin is rejected in the foregoing statement as improbable, it is worthy of note that among nearly, if not all of the different branches of the family is a tradition that it came from Wales. My grandfather, born in Uxbridge, Mass., in 1779, frequently told me that his information was that two brothers came from Wales to this country, from whom the family descended, and I have met other persons bearing the family name who had the same tradition. The first Josiah, son of Deacon Samuel, was probably born in the old country about the year 1634, and resided for many years of the latter part of his life in Mendon, Mass., where he died in 1726. He was intelligent, of accurate habits, and retained vigor of body and mind to the last. It is fair to presume that he must have known something about where his father's family came from and their history.

His grandson, Joseph, born in Mendon in 1707, was 19 years old when his grandfather died, and resided in the same town. Another grandson, Ebenezer, was 12 yrs old when his grandfather died. Joseph lived until 1788, and Ebenezer until 1805, and it would seem as though that the tradition which reached my grandfather might have been received without having been transmitted through very many generations.

As Josiali and his descendants lived in eastern Massachusetts a good distance from Chicopee, the tradition of the Wesh origin in his branch of the family did not very likely originate from the source suggested by Dr. Chapin.

And if the family was of French origin not more than one or two generations prior to the migration to this country, it is singular that there should not be other Christian French names than Cicely.

The family habit of retaining the same Christian names among the descendants in different generations is very noticeable, and if Dea. Samuel and his wife Cicely, or even his father were French, it would seem that French names would have been bestowed upon some of the children, but such does not appear to have been the case.

Still, if the family name is now found in central France, it is strong evidence that it is of French origin, and this is not necessarily inconsistent with the supposition that the family may have emigrated from Wales to America.

Until further information is obtained the whole family history prior to what is now known of Deacon Samuel must remain in obscurity,

In the records of the Colony of Massachusetts Bay, in New England, "the name of John Chapin is mentioned in connection with the building of a movable fort" March 4, 1633–4, and in July, 1634, mention is made of a meadow part of which "John Chapin hath mown."

Nothing more is known of him, and it is now a well ascertained fact derived from creditable sources, that every person who has inherited the family name is a direct descendant of Dea. Samuel Chapin, and it is, therefore, with him that the family history begins.

FIRST GENERATION.

DEA. SAMUEL CHAPIN and CICELY, his wife, with probably five of their children, came to this country about 1635, and settled in Roxbury, in the Colony of Massachusetts Bay, where his family was known as early as 1636, and where he became a citizen and a landholder. His name with that of his wife, appears in the list of the members in John Elliott's church in Roxbury.

June 2, 1641, he took the freeman's oath in Boston and thus became a citizen of the colony and entitled to vote. August 16, 1642, his son Japhet was baptized at Roxbury. Shortly afterwards, he, with his family, "joined a company of emigrants on a perilous journey through the wilderness to the valley of the Connecticut" where he settled near the present site of Springfield, and was a prominent leading man in church and civil affairs until his death at that place Nov. 11, 1675.

He was a Deacon in the Congregational Church, and is generally designated by that title by his descendants.

Through the liberality of Chester W. Chapin, one of his lineal descendants, a statue was erected to his memory in Stearn's Park, Springfield, Mass. and unveiled with appropriate ceremonies, Thanksgiving Day, November 24, 1887.

His wife Cicely d. Feb. 8, 1682.

Neither place of nativity nor birth nor age of either is known.

Their children, so far as known, were:

Catharine, d. at Springfield, Feb. 4, 1712.

She m. (1) Nov. 20, 1646, Nathanie! Bliss, b. in England, and d. at Springfield, Nov. 8, 1654.

(2) June 30, 1655, Thomas Gilbert, b. in Eng-

land, and d. at Springfield, June 5, 1662.

(3) Dec. 8, 1664, Samuel Marshfield, b. in England, and d. at Springfield, May 12, 1692.

Catharine had 12 chn. by above marriages.

David d. at Boston, Mass., Aug. 1672.

He m. Aug. 29, 1654, Lydia Crump, of Boston.

Two chn. were b. to them in Springfield and five in Boston.

Josiah, b. about 1634, and d. at Mendon, Mass., September 10, 1726.

For marriages and chu, see below.

Henry d. at Springfield, Aug. 15, 1718.

He m. at Springfield, Dec. 15, 1664, Bethiah Cooley, b. in Longmeadow, Mass., Jan. 16, 1644, and d. at Springfield, Dec. 11, 1711.

They had five children.

Sarah d. Aug. 5, 1684.

She married at Springfield, Apr. 14, 1647, Rowland Thomas, who d. at Springfield, Feb. 21, 1698.

She had 13 children.

All of the above named children of Samuel and Cicely were probably b. in England.

- Japhet, b. at Roxbury, Mass., Oct. 15, 1642, died at Springfield, Feb. 20, 1712,
 - He m. (1) July 22, 1664, Abilene Cooley, b. at Milford, Ct., in 1642, and d. at Springfield, Nov. 17, 1710.
 - (2) May 31, 1711, Dorothy Root, b. at Enfield, Ct.

He had ten chn. by his first marriage.

- Hannah, b. at Springfield, Dec. 2, 1644, date of death unknown.
 - She m. at Springfield, Sept. 27, 1666, Dea. John Hitchcock, who d. at Springfield, Feb. 9, 1712. She had nine children.

SECOND GENERATION.

JOSIAH CHAPIN, commonly known as Capt. Josiah, was probably born in England about 1634, and came to this country with his father. It is supposed that he resided during his boyhood with his father at Springfield, but very early in life settled in Weymouth where he was married and his first child was born, although it is said that its birth is recorded in the Springfield records. He then removed to Braintree, and during his residence there was twice married and had thirteen children. In the year 1660, Moses Paine and Peter Brackett, of Braintree, for the consideration of f_{24} purchased of the Indians a tract of land eight miles square, which afterwards was named Mendon. These two persons, with other associates, petitioned for incorporation of Mendon, and in 1662 thirteen persons from Braintree (one of whom was Josiali Chapin) and ten from Weymouth were accepted to allotments of land to be settled before March 7, 1663. Josiah and his family do not appear to have removed to Mendon until sometime between 1680 and 1682, although in 1669 he was selected by the town as one of a committee to purchase a piece of meadow land of the Indians. In 1682 he was chosen one of the selectmen, and from that time until three or four years prior to his death he was almost constantly acting in an official capacity for the town. He was selectman, chairman at town meetings, Justice of the Peace, Representative to the General Court, &c. When by reason of the infirmities of age he declined to further act in a public capacity, he was consulted by the selectmen relating to the affairs of the town. He died Sept. 10, 1726. at the age of 92 years.

Of him it was said, "Josiah Chapin must have been

no ordinary man. The evidence is clear and decisive that for about forty years, although every year engaged more or less in public business, he retained the confidence of the people among whom he dwelt."

The following family record of his marriages, deaths of his wives and births and deaths of his children, is chiefly taken from an entry made in his own handwriting.

His marriages were as follows:

- M. (1) at Weymouth, Nov. 13, 1658, Mary King b. at Weymouth June 15, 1639; d. at Braintree May 30, 1676.
- M. (2) at Ipwich Sept. 20, 1676, Lydia Brown, b. at Ipswich; d. at Mendon Oct. 8, 1711.
- M. (3) at Dedham June 22, 1713, Mehitable Metcalf, b. at Dedham ——; d. Dec. 2. 1724, probably in Mendon.

CHILDREN OF JOSIAH AND MARY CHAPIN:

Samuel b. at Weymouth, Nov. 11, 1659, drowned at sea Apr. 10, 1692.

Died unmarried.

John b. at Braintree June 11, 1661, d. at sea Feb. 22, 1686.

Died unmarried.

- Mary b. at Braintree Aug. 27, 1662. d. at Braintree June 30, 1687.
 - She m. Feb. 20, 1682, Joseph Adams, b. at Braintree, Dec. 24, 1654; d. Feb. 12, 1737.

He was Grandfather of 2d Pres't, John Adams.

Deborah b. at Braintree, June 16, 1664, d. at same place in childhood Aug. 16, 1668.

- Josiah b. at Braintree, Dec. 17, 1665, slain at Lord Russell's fight May 20, 1693. Probably unmarried.
- Shem b. at Braintree May 11, 1667, d. at same place in infancy June 6, 1667.
- Seth b. at Braintree Aug. 4, 1668, died at Mendon Apr. 1, 1746.
 - He m. (1) May 23, 1689, Mary Read b. at Weymouth, March 23, 1669, died at Mendon Sept. 12, 1689.
 - March 25, 1691, Bethiah Thurston, b. at Mead-field, Mass., Apr. 30, 1672, d. at Mendon, March 2, 1744.
- Joseph b. at Braintree May 17, 1670, d. Apr. 1722.
- Henry b. at Braintree Feb. 15, 1671, d. at same place in infancy March 20, 1671.
- Ephraim b. at Braintree Dec. 18, 1673.

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He m. Jan'y 23, 1705, Margaret Torrey.

- Josiah records the birth of four children by this marriage.
- Deborah (2d) b. at Braintree Feb. 12, 1675, d. at Uxbridge Apr. 9, 1702.

She m. at Mendon July 8, 1693, Samuel Read b. in Mendon 1670, d. at Mendon Feb. 8, 1725.

Josiah records the birth of three children by this marriage.

CHILDREN OF JOSIAH AND LYDIA CHAPIN:

Lydia b. at Braintree Sept. 29, 1677, d. at Mendon March 31, 1758.

She m. at Mendon Dec. 5, 1706, Daniel Taft, b, 1677-8 and died at Mendon Aug. 24, 1761.

Josiah Chapin records births of six children by this marriage. See ubi.

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- Sarah b. at Braintree March 12, 1679, d. at Uxbridge May 16, 1773.
 - She m. Feb. 7, 1703-4, at Mendon, Ebenezer Read, b. 1672, at Mendon, and d. at Uxbridge, Dec. 7, 1744.
 - Josiah Chapin records births of six children by this marriage.
- David, b. at Braintree, Nov. 11, 1680, d. at Mendon Oct. 4, 1704.

Probably died unmarried.

- Hannah, b. at Mendon, Nov. 11, 1684, d. at Bellingham, Mass., Apr. 12, 1770.
 - Shejm. June 13, 1706, John Holbrook, b. at Braintree, Sept. 24, 1679, d. at Bellingham, May 11, 1765, Josiah Chapin records births of six children by this marriage.

THIRD GENERATION.

SETH CHAPIN³ (Josiah² Samuel¹) was the fifth son of Josiah. He was born at Braintree, Aug. 4, 1668, and must have been twelve or fourteen yrs. old when his father removed to Mendon. He married his first wife, Mary Read, May 20, 1689, before he was quite twenty-one. She survived less than four months and died without issue, Sept. 12, 1689.

The following sketch is taken from Ballou's History of Milford—originally a part of Mendon Town.

"It appears from the proprietary records that Capt. Seth Chapin had acquired a family homestead and domicile near the 'Post Lane' bridge, on Mill River, sometime previous to May 26, 1700. for at that date he had the following described parcel of land laid out to him: 'Forty-five acres of the 4th division laid out to Seth Chapin, and in possession of said Chapin, encompassing the said Chapin's homestead and meadow upon Mill River.' &c. He went on adding parcel after parcel to his real estate till he became the owner of several hundred acres of our territory.

In 1713 he and his wife made a gift deed of 60 acres to their son Seth, jr., situated in what we now call South Hopedale. Aug. 31, 1715, they sold and deeded to Josiah Wood, formerly of Concord, their homestead consisting of 150 acres, with the buildings thereon. They then removed to Mendon Town to live henceforth with or near his venerable father, Josiah Chapin, Esq. There, while fulfilling his filial duties with exemplary fidelity, he was welcomed to the front rank of official dignity and finally closed a life of 78 years with very similar manifestations of public confidence and respect to those enjoyed by his honored father."

His name appears on the assessment roll for the minister's salary as early as 1691, and he was a prominent and leading man in the church as well as in civil affairs.

His second wife, Bethiah (Thurston), was married to him March 25, 1691, and had fourteen sons and one daughter who generally became active and leading citizens in the church and the community.

Seth died at Mendon April 1, 1746.

His wife died March 2, 1744.

CHILDREN OF SETH AND BETHIAH CHAPIN,

- Seth, jr., b. at Mendon July 2, 1692, d. at Mendon Apr. 1, 1740.
 - He m. (1) Feb. 5, 1713, Abigail Adams, b. at Braintree Feb. 17, 1684, d. at Mendon Apr. 28, 1722.
 - She was a dau. of Joseph and Mary (Chapin) Adams, and aunt of John Adams, 2d Pres. of U. S. She was first cousin of her husband, and eight years his senior.

(2) in 1722 or 1723, Elizabeth-----.

Bethiah, b. at Mendon Feb. 16, 1693.

- She m. at Mendon Jan. 24, 1714, Jonathan Thayer, jr., b. at Mendon, Sept. 8, 1690.
- Josiah, b. at Mendon March 1, 1695-6, d. Nov. 6, 1718. Supposed to have died unmarried.
- John, b. at Mendon May 13, 1698, d. Aug. 31, 1777.
 - He m. (1) at Mendon, Dorcas, b. —, d. —, Aug. 22, 1767.
 - (2) at Sherburne, Sept. 10, 1768, Ruth Bullard.
- Mary, b. at Mendon Apr. 30, 1700, d. at Mendon -----.
 - She m. Nov. 20, 1720, Robert Taft, b. at Mendon Dec. 24, 1697, d. at Mendon, 1760.
- Samuel, b. at Mendon June 2, 1702, d. at Uxbridge Apr. 27, 1752-3.
 - He m. at Uxbridge May 19, 1729, Anna Craggin, b. at Woburn, Mass., March 25, 1701, d. at Uxbridge, May 26, 1772.

They had four children.

- This is probably the Samuel Chapin given in Bal. Hist. of Milford as reported to have been wounded in the battle of Bunker Hill and to have settled in Wordsboro, Vt., both of which statements are incorrect.
- Deborah, b, at Mendon Jan 14, 1704, d. at same place July 21, 1777.

She m. Apr. 15, 1725, Nathaniel Nelson, b. at Rowley, Mass., Apr. 22, 1701, d. at Mendon Jan. 6, 1783.

Hopestill, b. at Mendon Nov. 27, 1705.

She m. Dec. 27, 1727, Dr. John Corbett, b. at Bellingham, Mass., Nov. 4, 1704, d. at Bellingham March 1, 1794.

Joseph, b. at Mendon March 6, 1707, d. at Milford July 1, 1788.

- He m. Feb. 25, 1729, Mary Nelson, b. at Rowley, Mass., Apr. 16, 1713, d. at Milford, Feb. 16, 1798.
- Abigail, b. at Mendon June 10, 1710, d. Sept. 1738. Probably died unmarried.
- Lydia, b. at Mendon Feb. 2, 1711-12, d. at Uxbridge, Jan., 1772.
 - She m. Dec. 28, 1731, Josiah Taft, b. at Mendon Apr. 2, 1709, d. at Uxbridge, Oct. 31, 1756.
- Benjamin, b. at Mendon Apr. 6, 1713, d. at Worcester, Mass., May 6, 1782.
- . He m. at Mendon Feb. 27, 1732-3, Sarah French, b. at Braintree, Feb. 16, 1714.
- Ebenezer, b. at Mendon Dec. 23-4, 1714, d. at Mendon Feb. 19, 1805.
 - He m. (1) March 19, 1743, Abigail Whitney, b. d. at Mendon Nov. 8, 1766.
 - (2) 1758, Mary Vose, b. at Milton, Mass., d. at Mendon.
 - (3) Apr. 25, 1776, Lydia (widow of Abraham Staples) d. at Mendou, May 15, 1805.
- Japhet, b. at Mendon, Feb. 14, 1716, d. in infancy at Mendon, Apr. 15, 1717.

FOURTH GENERATION.

JOSEPH CHAPIN,⁴ (Seth,³ Josiah,² Samuel,¹) the ninth child of Seth and Bethiah Chapin, was born in Mendon March 6, 1707. This is the record made by his grandfather, Josiah Chapin, and agrees with that given in Ballou's History of Milford, and also with the inscription of his age at the time of his decease, on his tombstone.

In the transcript copy of the Mendon Town records, made by Preserved Thayer. in 1842, and now in the town clerk's office of that town, the record is entered that Joseph Chapin was the son of Seth and Elizabeth Chapin, and that he was born March 1, 1708. Seth Chapin had no wife Elizabeth, and the entry is probably an error in copying from the original. Other discrepancies in the records may perhaps have arisen from the same cause. Joseph appears to have resided all his life in Mendon and He married Mary Nelson, Feb. 5, 1729, certi-Milford. fied in Mendon T. Records by Josiah Chapin, Esq. She was the dau. of Gershom and Abigail (Ellithorpe) Nelson and a sister of Elder Nathaniel Nelson, a prominent man in the church, and was born in Rowley, Mass., April 16, 1713.

In the Mendon Cong. Ch. records is an entry dated March 9, 1769, that Deacon Joseph Chapin and Mary his wife, were dismissed from the church to the second church of Christ in Mendon, signed by Joseph Dorr, Pastor, and there is a record in the Cong, Ch. at Milford that Dea. Joseph Chapin and Mary his wife, were received into that Ch. from Mendon Ch. March 26, 1769.

But little is known of his history. He seems to have been a farmer of small means who lived a quiet life, respected by the community in which he lived.

By a deed dated December 16, 1782, and acknowledged March 4, 1783, he conveys for the consideration of \pounds 210 to his son Ephraim, thirty-five acres of land in Milford, County of Worcester, Mass., reserving to himself and wife a life estate in a part of the same. On the same date he executed a will in which he gives to his wife the use of his real estate and one-third of his personalty during her natural life. He then makes the following bequests: (1) To his sons Joseph, Gershom, Samuel and Ephraim, each an equal share in his personal estate, "saving that he gives to his son Samuel \pounds 12 over and above his equal share with the rest of his brethren." (2) To his seven grand-children, namely: Mary, Esther, Silas, Elias, Daniel, Abigail, and Jesse Chapin Rawson, "all of them the one-half part of what I have herein given to one of my three sons, Samuel excepted." His will was probated at Worcester, Aug. 5, 1788, and the records show that Ephraim qualified as executor and settled the estate. Of Joseph and his wife Ballou says:

"Their son Ephraim seems to have preceded them to the eastern precinct (Milford) and soon became a conspicuous citizen here. Under his filial auspices, as may be presumed, they spent the last years of their lives at a small homestead on Main st., not far from the Luther Claffin place."

In the South Cemetery at Milford can be seen the tombstones of Joseph and his wife with the following inscriptions:

> IN MEMORY OF DEACON JOSEPH CHAPIN, Who died July 1st, 1788. Aetatis 81 years. Imitate his virtues and follow him to glory."

> > "MARY CHAPIN, Wife of Dea. Joseph Chapin, Died Feb. 16, 1798, Aged 86 years."

THEIR CHILDREN WERE:

Joseph, b. at Mendon, Jan. 29, 1730-1.

He m. March 29, 1758, Ruth Taft, of Uxbridge.

- Query—Is this the Capt. Joseph Chapin, afterwards Lt. Col. 3d Reg't of militia Worcester Co., in Revolutionary War? See Annals of Mendon, pp. 350–4. X Abigail, b. at Mendon, May 10, 1732.
 - She m. January 5, 1762, Silas Rawson, and had eight children. *See supra*—names of seven in her father's will.
- Gershom, b. at Mendon, May 27 1734, d. 40923 1800.
 - He m. (1) March 9, 1758, Betty (?) Johnson, and had by her one child.
 - (2) May 5, 1762, Mrs. Deborah Torrey, (formerly Hitchcock) of Mendon, and had by her six children.
 - (3) Oct. 5, 1778, Mrs. Mary (?) Sherman, (formerly Bachellor) and had by her three children.

Samuel, b. at Mendon, Oct. 28, 1736, d. at Wardsboro, Vt., Sept. 1803.

- He m. Feb. 26, 1761, Beulah Taft, of Mendon, b. at Mendon, Feb. 10, 1740, d. at Wardsböro, Vt., Dec. 1828.
- Ephraim, b. at Mendon, May 5, 1745, d. at Milford, March 26, 1812.
 - He m. (1) May, 1768, Hannah Rider, b. at Holliston, Aug. 8, 1751, d. at Milford, Dec. 19. 1807. He had five children by this marriage.

(2) Anna Tidd, (widow) of Holliston, 1809. Several of his descendants still reside in Milford.

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FIFTH GENERATION.

SAMUEL CHAPIN,⁵ (Joseph,⁴ Seth,³ Josiah,² Samuel,¹) fifth child of Joseph and Mary Chapin, b. at Mendon, Oct. 28, 1736, d. at Wardsboro, Vt., Sept., 1803.

In Mendon T. Rec. is entered of date January 1, 1761, his intention of marriage to Beulah Taft, of Mendon. He is described as of Uxbridge. In Uxbridge T. Rec. same intention is recorded of date Jan. 10, 1761. Their marriage, Feb. 26, 1761, returned by Joseph Dorr, is entered in the Mendon T. Rec. It would appear from the places of births of their children that he resided after his marriage until after the birth of their first child in Mendon, then in Uxbridge, then in Milford.

The use of the same christian name in different families having the same surname, makes it some uncertain as to the identity of persons, but it is quite certain that two deeds for land to Samuel Chapin in Uxbridge, one by Edward Seagrave for 25 acres, March 24, 1763, and one by Thomas Rawson for one-half acre, Oct. 21, 1763, were made to the subject of this sketch. Two of his children were baptized in Milford church from 1772 to 1774, and January 7, 1773 Samuel Chapin was appointed as one of a committee to give notice to call a town meeting in reference to building a new meeting house or an addition to the old one, and the name also appears about this time as one of the executive committee of the town and probably refers to the same person.

He certainly performed some service as a soldier in the Revolutionary Army, and it is a family tradition that he was at the battle of Bunker Hill, and that during the war he held a commission as Lieutenant or Lieut Col. The Massachusetts Revolutionary Army Rolls are very imperfect, but they show the names of several Samuel Chapins in the service, one from Uxbridge who was at the battle of Lexington, April 19, 1775, and one whose residence is not stated, who was commissioned as Lieut., but there is no way of identifying them with any particular person, at the present time.

In Judge Henry Chapin's address at Springfield gathering in 1862, he says that Samuel Chapin, a grandson of Josiah who settled in Wardsboro, Vt., was a Lieut., and had his thigh broken at the battle of Bunker Hill, and the same statement is made in Ballou's Hist, of Milford. This is certainly an error. No grandson of Capt. Josiah ever settled in Wardsboro, Vt., but the subject of this sketch did reside there after the close of the war. A short time subsequent to the delivery of Judge Chapin's address, Josialı Chapin, son of the one now named, was consulted about the statement, and he said that his father was in the battle of Bunker Hill but was not wounded in that engagement; that after the close of the war at a celebration of the 4th of July his thigh was shattered by the bursting of a cannon. Judge Chapin was informed of this fact and asked for his authority for his statement, and he replied that he did not know how he heard of it and that it was probably a mistake. An examination of the lists of casualities at the battle of Bunker Hill on file in the pension office at Washington, does not show that any one of that name was injured in that engagement.

There is a tradition in the family that Samuel lived in Sturbridge, Mass., immediately prior to his removal to Vermont, which is probably correct. He removed with his family to Wardsboro, Windham Co., Vt., probably about 1782-3. William Ward, of Newfane, Windham Co., conveved by deed dated May 29, 1781, to Samuel Chapin (house joiner), of Sturbridge, Worcester Co., Mass., two hundred and fifty acres of land in Wardsboro. The deed was not acknowledged until Jan. 10, 1784. November 15, 1783, Ward conveyed one hundred acres adjoining this first tract to Samuel Chapin, of Wardsboro, Vt., making 350 acres in all. As he was the only Chapin of that christian name in Wardsboro, it is evident that these convevances are to him, and they fix the date of his removal within a year or two. Samuel was in good circumstances for that country in those days, but in attempting to aid his son Zadock, who was in business and became involved, he lost nearly, if not all, his property, and died a poor man. His widow survived him about a quarter of a century and died as afore stated.

The following statement respecting their children's names and dates of births is taken from the record left by their son Josiah, and is believed to be correct. Their subsequent history, so far as known, is derived from other sources believed to be reliable.

- Jesse, b. in Mendon, Aug. 27, 1761, and d. at Manchester, N. H., in 1835.
 - He m. (1) Nov. 20, 1783, Eunice Wheelock, b. in Ux
 - bridge, and d. at Windham, Vt., in 1822.
 - (2) Olive Barrett.
 - (3) Hannah Luce.
- Zadock, b. in Uxbridge, Jan. 4, 1764, died in Cass Co., Mich., 184—.

He m. Sally Kinney.

Daniel, b. in Uxbridge, Sept. 24, 1765, d. at Wardsboro, Vt., 1791.

He m. Lucy Martin.

- Chloe, b. in Mendon, Sept. 5, 1767, m. probably in Wardsboro, Timothy Wakefield, and d. near Sacket's Harbor, N. Y.
- Candace, b. in Mendon, Nov. 5, 1769, and d. in Canada. She m. Abraham Martin.
- Artemas, b. in Mendon or Milford, June 30, 1771. Baptized in Milford ch., Apr. 12, 1772, d. in childhood.
- Nathan, b. in Mendon or Milford, Dec. 25, 1773; baptized in Milford Ch. Feb. 27, 1774, d. in childhood.
- Samuel, b. in Uxbridge, Feb. 8, 1776; aocording to Men. T. Rec., Feb. 17, 1776. Baptized in Uxbridge ch., Apr. 26, 1776.

He m. Hannah Woodward.

- Josiah, b. in Uxbridge Nov. 24, 1779, according to Uxbridge T. Rec. Nov. 4, 1779, d. at Orland, Ind., May 3, 1864.
 - He m. July 22, 1803, Nancy Kelly, of Dummerston, Vt., b. March 27, 1780, d. at Orland, Ind., Feb. 16, 1860.
- Artemas, b. in Sturbridge, Mass., (?) Oct. 12, 1782, date and place of death unknown.
- Sally, b. in Wardsboro, Vt., March 21, 1785. She married Williard Moore.

SIXTH GENERATION.

JOSIAH CHAPIN,⁶ (Samuel,⁵ Joseph,⁴ Seth,³ Josiah,² Samuel,¹) ninth child of Samuel and Beulah Chapin, was born in Uxbridge, Mass., Nov. 24, 1779. His father removed about the close of the Revolutionary War to Wardsboro, Windham Co., Vt., where Josiah grew up to manhood and resided for one-half a century. In 1836 he removed with his wife and all his children, then married adults with families, to Orland, Steuben Co., Ind., where he lived until he died, May 3, 1864.

He was a carpenter and joiner and a hard working, honest citizen, universally respected by the community in which he lived. He survived his wife four years but lost his eyesight some years before his death. He died a member of the Presbyterian Church, and was a diligent Bible reader until deprived of his eyesight.

His wife, although possessing but the limited education afforded in those days, was a woman of considerable information, and had a neighborhood reputation for wit and vivacity.

They survived all their children and lived in conjugal harmony for more than fifty-six years. At the time of his decease he was the owner of a valuable farm at Orland, which he devised to the children of his deceased son, Alexander.

THEIR CHILDREN WERE:

- Alexander, b. in Wardsboro, Vt., May 30, 1804-5, d. at Orland, Ind., March 14, 1849.
 - He m. Oct 11, 1830, Cyrene Clark, b. in Wardsboro, Feb. 16, 1801.
- Mary, b. in Wardsboro, Dec. 7, 1806, d. at Orland, Ind., Sept. 10, 1855,
 - She m. Dec. 6, 1824, Cyrus Choat, b. March 16, 1801, in Wardsboro, d. Nov. 30, 1843, at Orland, Ind.
- Lura, b. in Wardsboro, Sept. 12, 1808, d. Sept. 9, 1849, at Orland, Ind.
 - She m. April 10, 1829, Alanson Kidder, b. Feb. 23, 1805, in Wardsboro, d. Sept. 5, 1888, at Marshland, Wisconsin.

SEVENTH GENERATION.

ALEXANDER CHAPIN,⁷ oldest child and only son of Josiah and Nancy Chapin, was born in Wardsboro, Vt., May 30, 1804-5, where he grew up to manhood, married and resided until he was about 31 years of age. He learned the trade of house carpenter and joiner, which he followed the greater part of his life. During the time he was a resident of Vermont the martial spirit still animated the people of New England, and general training day was a great occasion. Much attention was paid to regimental drill and military organization, and he was elected Colonel of the regiment in Windham Co., and ever after was known by that title. He owned at Wardsboro City a sawmill and sash factory operated by water power.

In the summer of 1833, with his brother-in-law, Cyrus Choat, of Wardsboro, and Capt. Samuel Barry, and Chester Stocker, of the adjoining town of Jamaica, he went west and located land in what is now Milgrove Tp., Steuben Co., Ind.

The county was then unorganized and the town entirely unsettled. After making their selection of lands the party went to Fort Wayne, the then location of the U. S. land office, and made the entries of their land, and purchasing a dugout canoe rowed down the Maumee to Toledo, O., and from thence by way of the lake returned home. Preceded in 1835 by a few of their neighbors, in May 1836, Alexander and his family accompanied by his brother in-law, Cyrus Choat, and family removed from their old home and settled on their lands purchased as above stated. Other families from the same vicinity in Vermont followed, and a little colony was formed that for many years was known in that region as Vermont Settlement. In 1836 the original proprietors laid out and platted a village named Orland. Col. Chapin is said to have named the village, and he erected a house on the north-east corner of the intersection of the two principal streets, which was the first framed dwelling in the vil-Into this, before it was plastered, the family lage. moved and braved the cold and storms of a very severe winter. The next summer was a severe trial to the unacclimated settlers. Malarial diseases were commonoften proving fatal-but none of his family had a fatal sickness. The next fall the settlers celebrated an oldfashioned New England Thanksgiving. There was no church, and they assembled in Col. Chapin's house. Rev. Thompson, of Lima, preached a sermon, and the choir, composed of the settlers, many of whom were fine singers-under the lead of Capt. Sam. Barry, sang a Thanksgiving Anthem. Dinner was served in the oldfashioned style, and the occasion is still a pleasant reminiscence for all who participated.

Alexander Chapin, though a Whig, was appointed and commissioned as the first post master under the Democratic administration of Martin Van Buren. He also held the office of School Commissioner and Justice of the Peace for a number of years, and was widely known as an enterprising business man of inflexible integrity. He was the master workman in the erection of the grist mill at Orland, and built many of the dwelling houses at that place. The frame of the grist mill is still a part of the present magnificent flouring mill. In 1846 he purchased the mill and operated it for several years, and then leasing it out he carried on a store of general merchandise and a large farm until his death, which took place March 14, 1849, when he was only 44 years of age. He died universally regretted by his large circle of acquaintances.

Although possessing but a limited education obtained at district schools he was a great reader and well informed, a good talker, a fine vocalist, and a man of more than usual culture for the opportunities afforded him in his youth. He, with his father and mother, two sisters and their husbands and several of their children are all interred in the graveyard at Orland. None of his family resides there now. His widow and four of his children still survive him.

EIGHTH GENERATION.

AUGUSTUS ALEXANDER,8 oldest son of Alexander Chapin, was born at Wardsboro, Vt., Aug. 15, 1831. With his father's family in May, 1836, he removed to Orland, Steuben Co., Ind., where he grew up to manhood. His father died when he was 17 years old. In 1853 he was elected and qualified as one of the trustees of Milgrove Tp. In fall of 1855 entered the classical department of the University of Michigan, and graduated in June fall, 1859. He then read law in Angola, Steuben Co., Ind., and in fall of 1860 was elected and served as Prosecuting Attorney of the 10th Judicial Circuit, then comprising ten counties in the north-eastern corner of the State. Nov. 1, 1863 was married to Almira Emerson, of Augola. Practiced law in that place until March, 1865, when he removed to Kendallville, Noble Co., Ind., where he followed his profession for 18 years. In 1866 was elected and served a term as the first clerk of the city of Kendallville. In October, 1883, removed to Fort Wavne, Allen Co., Ind., where he now resides. In 1886

was elected as Judge of the Superior Court of Allen County for term of four years. He became a member of the Presbyterian Church at Orland, March 5, 1853, and December, 1885, joined the First Presbyterian Church of Fort Wayne, and is now a ruling elder in the same.

In politics, first a Whig then a Republican.

His wife's pedigree is given elsewhere.

THEIR CHILDREN ARE:

Angie Florence, b. at Angola, Ind., Oct. 7, 1864. Elizabeth Emerson, b. at Kendallville, July 25, 1866. Katherine Bunyan, b. at Kendallville, Aug. 7, 1868. Artena Mary, b. at Kendallville, Sept. 29, 187**2**.

Ralph Waldo Emerson, b. at Kendallville, April 11, 1876.

FREDERICK CLARK CHAPIN,⁸ second son of Alexander and Cyrene Clark Chapin, was b. at Wardsboro, Vt., Dec. 19, 1832, and with his father's family removed to Orland, Ind., in May, 1836. In 1854 engaged in merchandise in Orland, and followed that business until fall of 1855, when he was elected Clerk of Steuben Circuit Court. He then removed to Angola, qualified and served as clerk for four years. In fall of 1859 formed a co-partnership in mercantile business in same place with his brotherin-law, Geo. Emerson, under the style of Emerson & Chapin, and carried on the business for several years.

In 1865 removed to Toledo, O., and became a partner in the wholesale dry goods house of Luce, Chapin & Blass. The firm continued in business for several years and then dissolved, and he then formed a copartnership with his brother-in-law, James Blass, in the commission business, under the style of Blass & Chapin, and is still engaged in the same. Member of the Board of Trade.

March 5, 1853, he became a member of the Presbyterian Church of Orland. In 1865 joined church of same denomination at Angola, and upon his removal to Toledo became connected with the Westminster Presbyterian Church of that city. He is one of the trustees of that ch. and for ten years was Superintendent of the Sabbath School.

February 2, 1858, he married at Angola, Mary Jane

THEIR CHILDREN:

Alida Ardell, b. Nov. 25, 1858, at Angola, Ind.

James Emerson, b. Jan. 13, 1861, "

Cyrene Isabella, b. July 2, 1870, at Toledo, O., and d. in childhood Dec. 27, 1875, at Angola, Ind., while on a visit.

Frederick Alexander, b. May 13, 1873, at Toledo, O.

JAMES FREEMAN CHAPIN,⁸ third son of Alexander and Cyrene Clark Chapin, was born Oct. 5, 1834, at Wardsboro, Vt., and with his father's family removed to Orland, Ind., where he grew up to manhood.

In spring of 1859 he became infected with the gold fever and started for the new mining region of Pike's Peak, but before reaching that point changed his destination for California, where he followed mining and his work of carpenter and joiner until the breaking out of the war of secession, when at Auburn, in that State, he enlisted Oct. 17, 1861, in Co. G., 4th Reg't Cal. Vol., under Capt. A. S. Grant, Col. Judah commanding the regiment, and at expiration of his term of service was discharged, and Feb. 13, 1864, he re-enlisted at San Diego, Cal., as a veteran in the same company and regiment, them commanded by Col, Curtis, and received his final discharge at Fort Yuma, Cal. Feb. 13, 1866. During his first enlistment he was a non-commissioned officer, holding successively the rank of corporal, duty sergeant and orderly sergeant. At the close of his service he settled at Poway, Cal., and followed farming for several years.

July 2, 1879, he m. at San Diego, Alice E. Thurston, b. in New London, N. H., July 24, 1850, and then settled at San Jose, Cal., where he still resides. Is a member of the Pres. Ch. of San Jose. They have no chu.

ELOUISA CORNELIA (Chapin⁸) BLASS, the fourth child and only daughter of Alexander and Cyrene Clark Chapin, was born in Orland, Ind., Oct. 12, 1839, and married Oct. 5, 1860, to James Blass, at Coldwater, Mich. Her husband, b. at Conquest, Cayuga, Co., N. Y., July 15, 1833, was the son of Adam Blass, originally spelled Plass, a family of Dutch descent which settled in the Hudson river country in New York at an early date. His mother's maiden name was Emily Carter.

Elouisa removed with her husband to Toledo, O., in 1865⁻¹⁶⁸⁵, where they still reside. He was in the mercantile business several years at Orland, as a partner in the firm of Luce & Blass, and after removal to Toledo was a partner in the wholesale dry goods house of Luce, Chapin & Blass, and now is a member of the commission house of Blass & Chapin of that city. He has been president of the Toledo Produce Exchange and one of the trustees of the Westminster Presbyterian Church, of Toledo.

THEIR CHILDREN:

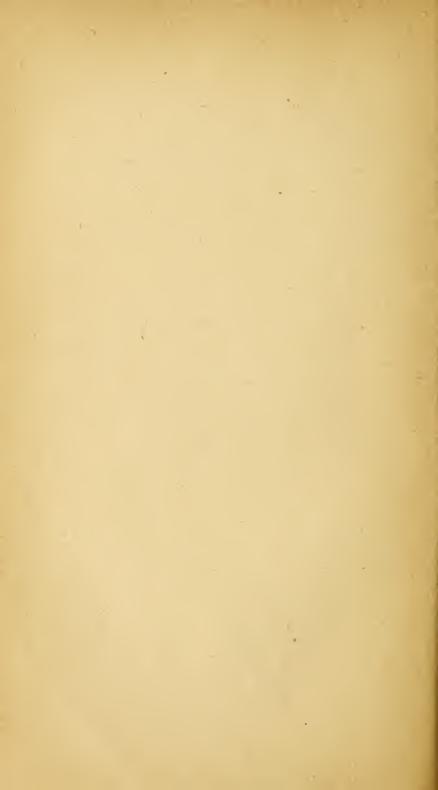
Minnie Elouisa, b. at Orland, Ind., Jan. 24, 1864. She m. Arthur Alonzo Hinckley, of Buffalo, N. Y., Oct. 5, 1886. They have one child.

Gertrude Chapin, b. at Orland, Ind., July 18, 1865. Unmarried.

James Leslie, b. at Toledo, O., March 13, 1879.

NORMAN HOLLAND CHAPIN,⁸ youngest child of Alexander and Cyrene Clark Chapin, was born at Orland, Ind., Oct., 12, 1846. Removed to Toledo, O., and died at that place April 8, 1876. At the time of his decease he was a bookkeeper for the firm of C. L. Luce & Co., of that city, A young man of most lovable disposition and blameless life.

He was never married.



PART II.

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ALLIED FAMILIES.

A brief record is here given of the genealogy of the wives of those of the direct line of Chapins whose descent is heretofore given.

FIFTH GENERATION.

BEULAH or BULAH TAFT, was the wife of Samuel Chapin⁵ and her pedigree is as follows:

Robert Taft, supposed to be of ancient Scotch lineage, was b. as early as 1640, and with his wife Sarah and several sons came to this country, probably from England, in 1675, and settled first at Braintree, Mass., and afterwards, about 1680, at Mendon, where he and his wife both died in 1675.

THEIR CHILDREN WERE:

Thomas, Robert, jr., Daniel, Joseph, Benjamin.

Daniel Taft, the 3d son, was b. 1676-7, and d. in Mendon, Aug. 24, 1761, in the 84th year of his age.

- He m. (1) Hannah —, by whom he had one child. Both d. in 1704.
 - (2) Dec. 5, 1706, Lydia, daughter of Josiah Chapin,² b. Sept. 29, 1677, at Braintree, d. March 27, 1758, at Mendon.

Daniel Taft was a very prominent man, holding several public offices, and enjoying the full confidence of his fellow citizens.

THEIR CHILDREN WERE:

Abigail, b. Sept. 14, 1707, m. Abraham Staples, July 26, 1727.

Josiah, b. April 2, 1709, m. Lydia Chapin (dau. of Seth Chapin) Dec. 28, 1731.

David, b. April 19, 1711.

Lydia, b. April 13, 1713, m. Charles Sheldon.

Daniel, b. Dec. 15, (?) 1715.

Ephraim, b. May 25, 1718, m. Mary Taft, Jan. 3, 1740.

Japhet, b. March 3, 1721-2.

Caleb, b. 1724.

Daniel Tatt, fifth son of Daniel and Lydia Taft, was b. in Mendon. While the date of his birth is given above as Dec. 15, 1715, another record gives it Aug. 15, and another Aug. 29, and still another as in April of that year. His wife's first name was Hopestill. The date of their decease is not traced, but both probably died in Mendon.

He was also quite a prominent citizen, holding various offices of public trust.

THEIR CHILDREN WERE:

Hepzebah, Beulah or Bulah, Twins, b. at Mendon, Feb. 10, 1740.

Deborah, b. April 6, 1747, at Mendon.

Hopestill, b. June 4, 1749, m. David Bullard, Nov. 27, 1766.

Amos, untraced.

Nathan, b. March 29, 17-. Untraced.

Alpheus, b. Jan. 11, 1757.

Jehosabah, b. 1755.

Zadock, b. Feb. 8, 1759.

Patience, b. March 16, 1752.

Beulah, the above named dau. m. Samuel Chapin, of Uxbridge, at Mendon, Feb. 26, 1761, and d. at Wardsboro, Vt., Dec. 1828, according to a family record which gives her age 89 years and 10 days.

A discrepancy between her age as thus given at her decease, and what it should be according to the date of birth, will be noticed.

Variations of this kind are frequently found in these old records. The date of birth as above is found in the Taft family record and the Mendon T. Rec. and is believed to be correct

In the Men. T, Rec. of marriages, Samuel's wife is designated as *Mrs*. Beulah Taft, but this evidently means nothing, as there are twenty-five marriages entered of record at the same time in all of which the brides are designated by the title of *Mrs*. and a critical examination fails to disclose any record of any other person of that name, or any Beulah married to a Taft whose age would correspond with the one above given. The records show many intermarriages between the Tafts and Chapins.

SIXTH GENERATION.

NACY KELLY, wife of Josiah Chapin,⁶ was born in A Dummerston, Vt., and married to him July 22, 1803.

Her pedigree is as follows:

Richard Kelley, said to have been born in Ireland about 1630, d. May 17, 1810, aged 80 years. His wife's christian name was Mary, and she d. May 29, 1812, aged 80 years. Said to have been married in New Hampshire, and died in Dummerston, Vt.

THEIR CHILDREN WERE:

David, b. Aug. 6, O. S., 1747.

James, b. Sept. 8, O. S., 1749.

William. b. Aug. 30, O. S. 1751.

Alexander, b. April 21, N. S., 1755, d. Jan. 15, 1803.

John, b. Dec. 7, N. S., 1757, d. Feb. 17, 1778.

Samuel, b. March 25, N. S., 1760, d. June 22, 1814.

Hannah, b. March 6, N. S., 1763.

Richard, b. April 13, N. S., 1768.

Alexander, the fourth son as above stated, m. Betsey Howe, b. about 1752, and d. at Dummerston, Vt., July 13, 1796, aged 44 years.

THEIR CHILDREN WERE:

Polly, date of birth and death unknown.

Sally, b. April 31, 1777, d. 1835.

Nancy, b. March 27, 1780, at Dummerston, Vt.

M. July 22, 1803, Josiah Chapin, and d. Feb. 16, 1860, at Orland, Ind.

Betsey, b. Feb. 23, 1783, d. June 23, 1795.

Alexander, b. March 4, 1786. Fate unknown.

Lucinda, b. Dec. 7, 1789, m. Joseph Pierce; settled in Jefferson Co. N. Y., where both died.

Lawson, b. July I, 1792. Killed at Black Rock in fight with the British, Oct. 1812.

SEVENTH GENERATION.

CYRENE CLARK married Alexander Chapin at Wardsboro, Vt., Oct. 11, 1830.

Her pedigree is as follows:

James Clark, b. in Ireland, m. Nancy Freeman. Both lived to an advanced age.

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THEIR CHILDREN WERE:
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Matthew.

David.

John, said to have settled in Pennsylvania.

James 2d, b. Dec. 4, 1772, and d. at Orland, Ind., Aug. 12, 1850.

Samuel Duncan, said to have been of Scotch descent,

m. (1) Betsey Stearns. Their children were James and Lucretia.

(2) Patience Choat. Place of birth and death unknown.

THEIR CHILDREN WERE:

Betsey, b. March 24, 1781, d. at Wardsboro, Vt., Sept. 12, 1732.

Simeon,

Arethusa,

Fanny,

Arezuba, Electa.

Date of births and deaths unknown.

Samuel,

Rebecca.

Nancy,

James Clark 2d, above named, m. the above named Betsey Duncan.

THEIR CHILDREN WERE:

Cyrene, | Twins, b. at Wardsboro, Vt., Feb. 16, 1801.

Cyrene m. Alexander Chapin as above stated.

Artene, m. at Wardsboro, Vt., Levi Fitts. Both deceased. Samuel Duncan, b. Feb. 28, 1803, at Wardsboro, Vt., d. May 13, 1813.

James Freeman, b. July 22, 1805, at Wardsboro, Vt., d. July 19, 1849, at Lafavette, Ind.

Infant unnamed, b. March 1807, d. when 3 weeks old. Oscar Newton, b. Feb. 1, 1809, d. at Wardsboro, Vt. Solomon Goodell, b. Sept. 20, 1811, d. Feb. 1832.

Sullivan Uri, b. July 11, 1814, d. Aug. 29, 1878, at Orland, Ind. Married Sept. 19, 1839, Elouisa Holland, at Wardsboro, Vt., who still survives. They have two dau. and one son, all married.

Infant unnamed, b. 1816, d. in infancy.

Samuel Duncan 2d, b. July 12, 1818, d. Feb. 1832.

Fontana, b. June 10, 1820, d. Feb. 1832.

Rocester Warfield, b. Aug. 1, 1832, d. March 28, 1832.

EIGHTH GENERATION.

ALMIRA EMERSON m. Augustus A. Chapin⁸ Nov.

1, 1863, was born January 8, 1834, in Plymouth, O.

Her pedigree is as follows:

Avery Emerson, b. Sept. 22, 1788, in Keene, N. H., d. Oct. 10, 1864, at Kendallville, Ind.

He m. at Ballston, N. Y., Sophronia Allen, b. Feb. 25, 1791, in Vermont, and d. March 17, 1877, at Kendallville, Ind.

They resided several years at Plymouth, O., and then migrated to Salem, O., afterwards to Angola, and finally to Kendallville, Ind.

Mr. Emerson filled several offices of trust, and served a term as Probate Judge of Steuben County.

- George Emerson, b. Feb. 9, 1820, at Plymouth, O., d. July 28, 1887, at Toledo, O.
 - He m. Feb. 29, 1852, Nancy Kellogg, who with one dau. resides at Toledo, O.
- John Emerson, b. May 2, 1821, at Plymouth, O., m.
 March 6, 1846, at Salem, Ind., to Susan Bodley,
 b. Jan. 7, 1824, at Plymouth, O. Resides at Kendallville, Ind. No children.
- David, b. Feb. 10, 1823, at Plymouth, O., m. 1856, Lizzie – , in California. He has two children and resides in California.
- Luke Allen, b. Nov. 25, 1824, at Plymouth, O., and d. Oct. 8, 1864, at Salem, Ind. He m. Sept. 30, 1856, Hettie Jacobus. His widow and four chu. survive him.
- Avery, b. Jan. 21, 1827, at Plymouth, O., m. Feb. 3, 1852, Elizabeth Parsell, at Salem, Ind., where they now reside. They have nine chu. living.
- Emily, b. Dec. 10, 1828, at Plymouth, O. She m. Dec. 13, 1844, at Salem, Ind., Aaron G. Parsell. They reside at Hudson, Ind., and have seven clin. living.
- Mary, b. Oct. 9, 1830, at Plymouth, O. She in Dec. 25, 1850, William M. Kimball, of Orland, Ind. They reside at Howard, Kansas, and have six chu. living.
- Almira, b. Jan. 8, 1834, at Plymouth, O. She m. Nov. 1, 1863, Augustus A. Chapin, at Angola, Ind. They have five chn. and reside at Fort Wayne, Ind.
- Sophronia, b. Jan. 9, 1837, at Salem, Ind., and resides at Kendallville, Ind. Unmarried.
- Albert, b. May 3, 1842, at Salem, Ind., and d. Aug. 9, 1847, at same place.

MARY JANE KELLOGG was married to Frederick C. Chapin, at Angola, Ind., Feb. 2, 1858.

Her pedigree is as follows:

Sylvanus Kellogg, her father, was b. Sept. 11, 1801, and d. at Flint, Ind., Feb. 26, 1851. He m. Oct. 12, 1822, Isabel Long, b. probably in York Co., Pa., and d. at Flint, Ind., June 29, 1848.

THEIR CHILDREN WERE:

Catharine, b. Oct. 23, 1823, and d. in childhood.

- Nancy M., b. Oct. 12, 1824, m. George Emerson, Feb. 29, 1852.
- Elizabeth M., b. Sept. 8, 1827, m. Peter Henwood Nov. 13, 1851, and d. at Angola, Ind., Nov. 2, 1859.

John B., b. Oct. 27, 1829. Resides in Portland, Oregon. Sylvester, b. June 12, 1832, and d. June 21, 1851.

Margaret Ann, | Twins, b. June 14, 1836, at Plymouth, O. Mary Jane, |

Margaret unmarried. Mary Jane m. as above stated.



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ADDITIONAL RECORDS.

While not the purpose to give a general record of all the Chapins and allied families of the direct line heretofore given, the following is inserted for preservation.

FIFTH GENERATION.

ABIGAIL CHAPIN⁵ (Joseph,⁴ Seth,³ Josiah,² Samuel¹)
b. May 10, 1732, m. January 5, 1762, Silas Rawson, at Mendon, Mass. In Mendon T. Rec. a declaration of intention of marriage is entered Nov. 28, 1761. She d. — at Conway, Mass.

Silas Rawson, b. November 17, 1739, at Mendon, was a direct descendant of Hon. Edward Rawson, the celebrated Secretary of Massachusetts Colony, as follows: Edward,¹ William,² Nathaniel,³ Nathaniel,⁴ Silas.⁵ He d. Aug. 26, 1819, at Palmyra, N. Y. They had eight children, and the names of seven were as follows: Mary, Esther, Silas, Elias, Daniel, Abigail and Jesse Chapin Rawson, all named in the will of their grandfather, Joseph.

- GERSHOM CHAPIN,⁵ (Joseph,⁴ Seth.³ Josiah,² Samuel,¹) b. May 27, 1734, at Mendon, d. 180ø at probably same place.
 - He m. (1) March 9, 1758, Betty or Hannah Johnson: & *Sift II. 1761 in 24th 47th of her age*. (2) May 5, 1762, Mrs. Deborah Terry (formerly Hitchcock.) *D. Sift 18th* 1770 in 4th 2th 4th 4^t
 - (3) Oct. 5, 1778, Mrs. Mary or Sarah Sherman, whose maiden name was Bachellor. She d. Jec 15.1819 in 77 yr g has aga

Hannah, who m. at Uxbridge, Elisha Murdock and had three chn.

BY SECOND WIFE:

- Betsey, b. April, 1764, m. Andrew Adams, Greenfield, Mass., and had 4 chu.
- Henry, b. May 4, 1766, m. Abigail Baylies, and had 8 chn. Gen. Samuel A. Chapin, of Norton, Mass., is the youngest child.

Joseph, b. May 4, 1768, m. Sally Jacobs, who had 4 chn.

- Phineas, b. August 3, 1769, m. Eunice Taft, and had eleven chn.
- Lois, b. m. (1) Abijah Legg, of Milbury, and had one child.

(2) Josiah Woodard, and had 4 chn.

Polly, b. - m. John Warren, and had 3 clm.

BY HIS THIRD WIFE.

John, b. - m. Polly Capron, and had 6 chn.

Sally, b. - m. Moses Smith, and had 5 chn.

- Nancy, b. m. Obed Goldthwait, and had one child.
 - Gershom resided a considerable time in Uxbridge, where is the record of baptism and m, of several chn.
- EPHRAIM CHAPIN,⁵ (Joseph,⁴ Seth,³ Josiah,² Samuel,¹) b. May 5, 1745, d. March 26, 1812, at Milford, Mass.
 - He m. (1) Hannah Rider, of Holliston; certified May, 1768, d. Dec. 19, 1807.
 - (2) Anna Tidd, of Holliston, 1809. No chn. HIS CHILDREN BY FIRST WIFE:
- Levi, b. Dec. 22, 1768, m. Nov. 26, 1789, Olive Thayer, He d. May 18, 1830.

- Ede, b. 1773, died young.
- Joel, b. March 4, 1777, m. Rosanna Fairbanks, d. Nov. 23, 1804.
- Eli, b. May 1, 1780, m. (1) Libby Thayer, April 4, 1803, and d. March 31, 1869.
- Amos, b. July 5, 1782, m. (1) Harriet Stowell, and died Dec. 25, 1830-9.

For further particulars see Ballou's Hist, of Mil. SINTH GENERATION.

- JESSE CHAPIN,⁶ (Samuel,⁵ Joseph,⁴ Seth,³ Josiah², Samuel,¹) was b. Aug. 27, 1761, at Mendon, Mass., and d. at Manchester, N. H.
 - He m. (1) Eunice Wheelock, Nov. 20, 1783. She d. June, 1822, at Windham, Vt.
 - (2) Mas Olive Barrett, who d. April, 1831.
 - (3) Miss Hannah Luce, July 1, 1832.

From his application for pension on file in Washington, the following facts are gathered. The date of his application is April 11, 1832, and he describes himself as residing in Derry, Rockingham County, N. H., and 71 years old. In 1777 he resided at Uxbridge, Mass., and was drafted for three months service, and acted as servant Lieut. Peter Hazeltine, stationed at Benedict's Point R. I.

In 1778 he enlisted in Capt. Baker's Co. from Uxbridge, was in battle at Rhode Island and honorably discharged. In 1779 he again enlisted in Capt. Fish's Co., Col. Nathan Tyler commanding; was appointed sergeant, served six months and honorably discharged. After the close of the war he resided in Uxbridge for a few years and then removed to Wardsboro, Vt., where he resided until he removed to Derry, N. H. He and his last wife both died of the small pox at the same time, or within a few days of each other's decease, near Manchester, N. H., in 1834-5.

He had the following children by his first wife, all b. probably in Wardsboro or Windham, Vt.

- Jerry, who moved to Edinburg, N, Y. M. and d. there. Said to have a dau., Mrs. Caroline Noyes, at Pittsfield, Mass.
- Elihu, b. October 24, 1787, at Wardsboro; 11. Thankful Arnold, at Weston, Mass., Sept. 13, 1812. He d. July 29, 1863. She d. Aug. 4, 1870. Both d. at Jamaica, Vt. They had eight chn.
- Nancy, m. John Kellogg at Jamaica, Vt. He is dead, and she resides at that place at present time.
- Henry, Laura, Twins.
 - Henry m. 1st, a Miss Wallace, and 2d, Miss Mary Stowell, in 1833, Londonderry, Vt., and d. at Derry, N. H.
 - Laura m. Josiah Stowell, in Londonderry, Vt, and had one dau., Laura, who m. a Chace, and settled at Hudson, Mich.* Laura d. in Derry.
- Henrietta, m. Josiah Stowell, her deceased sister's husband, and had one son, James Henry Stowell, who lives in New York City. Henrietta d. in Derry.
- ZADOCK CHAPIN,⁶ (Samuel,⁵ Joseph,⁴ Seth,³ Josiah²,
 Samuel,¹) was b. in Uxbridge, Mass., Jan. 4, 1764.
 He m. Sally Kinney and d. near Niles, Mich.,
 about 1840.

He engaged in business in Wardsboro, Vt., and failed,

^{*} Died since writing above.

involving his father, and finally emigrated west and settled on Prairie Round in Mich., and finally in Cass Co., where he died.

The Wardsboro Record shows that he had a dau. Sophronia, b. Dec. 2, 1798.

His other chn. were: Roxy, David, Chandler, Luther and Desdemona.

He lived with Luther at his decease. Luther subsequently moved near Chicago, Ill., and d. there.

Is said to have a dau. residing in that city.

DANIEL CHAPIN⁶, (Samue^F, Joseph,⁴ Seth,³ Josiah², Samuel¹) was b, at Uxbridge, Sept. 24, 1765, and d. about 1791, at Wardsboro, Vt. He is said to have had a son named Nathan. He left two minor chn., Lucinda and Roswell. His wife settled his estate, and his property was divided equally between the two chn. If he had a son Nathan he probably died in childhood before his father's decease.

CHLOE CHAPIN⁶, (Samuel⁵, Joseph⁴, Seth.³ Josiah², Samuel¹,) was b. at Uxbridge, Sept. 5, 1767. She m. Timothy Wakefield and lived near Sackett's Harbor, N. Y. Said to have had a dau. named Lydia.

CANDACE CHAPIN⁶ (Samuel⁵, Joseph⁴, Seth³, Josiah², Samuel¹,) was b. Nov. 5, 1769, at Uxbridge, Mass. She m. Abraham Martin. Said to have died at Stancleath, Canada, and to have had the following named children:

David, Orrin, Melinda, Jenny, Ammossa, Amorilla, Olive Chapin and Allen, SAMUEL CHAPIN⁶, (Samuel⁵, Joseph⁴, Seth³, Josiah², Samuel¹,) was b. Feb. 8, 1776, at Uxbridge, Mass. Baptized, April 26, 1776. He m. Hannah Woodard and settled at Buffalo, N. Y. Said to have had the following children:

Ambrose, Milton, Hannah, and perhaps others.

ARTEMAS CHAPIN⁶, (Samuel⁵, Joseph⁴, Seth³, Josiah², Samuel¹,) was b. Oct. 12, 1782. Place unknown; probably Sturbridge, Mass. He married, settled in Canada, ultimately in Eastern Ohio, where he died.

He had one son named Alexander and other chn.

SALLY CHAPIN⁶, (Samuel⁵, Joseph⁴, Seth³, Josiah², Samuel¹,) was b. March 17, 1785, at Wardsboro, Vt.

She m. Willard Moore, and settled near Batavia, N. Y. Said to have had a dau. named Charlotte.

SEVENTH GENERATION.

MARY CHAPIN⁷, (Josiah⁶, Samuel⁵, Joseph⁴, Seth³, Josiah², Samuel¹,) was b. Dec. 7, 1806, at Wardsboro, Vt., and d. Sept. 10, 1855, at Orland, Ind. Dec. 6, 1824, she m. Cyrus Choat, at Wardsboro, Vt.

The husband was the second child and oldest son of Stephen Choat, a Baptist clergyman, b. March 12, 1774, and d. May 22, 1812, at Wardsboro, Vt.

Elder Choat m. Polly Barry, b. Jan. 6, 1775, and d. March 31, 1852 at Orland, Ind.

Cyrus Choat was b. March 16, 1801, at Wardsboro, Vt., and d. Nov. 30, 1843, at Orland, Ind., the husband of Mary Chapin, as above.

Their chu., all born in Wardsboro, Vt., except last, were: Lura M., b. Aug. 21, 1825, and m. Jan. 25. 1842, Dr. Silas D. Richardson. They now reside in Chicago, Ill., and have six chn. living.

Charlotte, b. Aug. 15, 1827.

She m. (1) Jesse V. Williams, at Constantine, Mich., and had one child, Clara.

- (2) Dr. John Bennitt, at Centreville, Mich., Dec. 29, 1852. They reside in Cleveland, O., and have three chn. living.
- Dascome Newton, b. Sept. 6, 1831, and d. June 22, 1847, at Orland, Ind.
- Sarah, b. Sept. 1, 1833; m. Sept. 20, 1861, Edwin L. Parker, and has one son. Resides at Orland, Ind.
- Frances Maria, b. Aug. 3, 1835, and d. Nov. 24, 1838, at Orland.

Nancy Arlette, b. March 4, 1843, at Orland, Ind., and d. Aug. 15, 1843, at same place.

LURA CHAPIN⁷, (Josiah⁶, (Samuel⁵, Joseph⁴, Seth³, Josiah², Samuel¹,) was b. Sept. 12, 1809, at Wardsboro, Vt.; m. April 10, 1829, Alanson Kidder, at same place, and d. Sept. 9, 1849, at Orland, Ind.

Her husband was the ninth child of Nathaniel and Polly Kidder, and was b. Feb. 23, 1805, at Wardsboro, Vt., and d. Sept. 5, 1888, at Marshland, Wis.

The Kidder family trace their lineage back to the 15th century in England, through James Kidder, b. 1626, in Sussex, England, and settled in Cambridge, Mass., as early as 1650.

See hist. of family published in 1876, by Rev. S. T. Kidder, then of Beloit, Wis.

The chn. of Alanson and Lura Kidder, as follows: Laura, b. about 1830, at Wardsboro, Vt.; d. in childhood.

- Mary Eloise, b. May 17, 1834, at Wardsboro, Vt.; m. March 9, 1857, Albert Bernard Huxford, b. Dec. 17, 1832, d. Jan. 18, 1868. She has three chn., all boys, and resides at Neligh, Neb.
- Lura Olivia, b. March 23, 1836, at Wardsboro, Vt.; m. Oct. 5, 1855, George L. Luce, b. April 14, 1833. She has three chn. and resides at Fort Wayne, Ind.

Josiah Herbert, b. Aug. 29, 1842, at Orland, Ind.

- He m. (1) May 7, 1865, Emeline A. Dillingham, b. March 16, 1850, d. Sept. 8, 1867. He had one child by this marriage.
 - (2) Feb. 22, 1872, Elizabeth Islet. Resides at Pueblo, Col.
- Alzoa Jane, b. June 9, 1844, at Orland, Ind.; m. Feb. 13, 1867, John Curtis, b. Jan. 5, 1838. They have six chu. and reside at Marshland, Wis.
- Nancy Chapin, b. April 12, 1847, at Orland, Ind.; m. Oct. 17, 1866, Jefferson L. Friend, b. Nov. 29, 1842. Has five chn. and resides at Orland, Ind.

Alexander, b. Sept. 9, 1849, at Orland, d. Sept. 23, 1849.

ELIHU CHAPIN⁷, son of Jesse⁶ ante, was b. Oct. 24, 1787, at Wardsboro, Vt.; m. Sept. 13, 1812, Thankful Arnold, of Weston, Mass. He died July 29, 1863, and she d. Aug. 4, 1870, both at Jamaica, Vt.

THEIR CHILDREN WERE:

Olive A., b. July 12, 1813, at Windham, Vt. She m. Alexander Atcherson, and d. June 3, 1842. She had two children—one dead and the other, a boy, named Charles, has not been heard from for several years.

Mary A. b. April 22, 1815, at Windham, Vt.; m. Asahel

Fairbanks, who d. at Warren, Mass., April 10, 1888, aged 80 yrs. She resides at Warren and has one son, Wilson Henry Fairbanks, residing in New York City.

- Henry, b. Sept. 1, 1817, at Windham, and d. March 17, 1868.
- Lura A., b. April 11, 1820, at Windham, Vt; m. Jan. 1838, Clark Young, and lives at Jamaica, Vt. He died June 6, 1874. Has one dau., Mrs. Stella Read, who is a widow and has three chn., and resides with her mother.
- Charles L., b. Oct. 6, 1825, at Windham, Vt. Resides in Springfield, Mass., and has no chn.
- Merrill W., b. Oct. 17, 1827, at Windham. Resides in New Haven, Ct., and has no chn.
- Laura A., b. June 23, 1829, at Windham. M. (1) William Sadler, and (2) John H. Sherwin. Resides in Springfield, Mass., and has two chn. who reside in same place.
- Marion A., b. Feb. 24, 1833, at Windham, Vt., and died Aug. 30, 1865. She m. Ira W. Stevens in Grafton, Vt, and had two chn. One is dead, and the other, a daughter, whether alive or not is not known.



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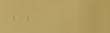






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